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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN DEMARCHE ON ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION IN
GREATER JERUSALEM

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1. EMBASSY FORWARDS FOLLOWING TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC
OF MEMORANDUM PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 30 TO CHARGE' BY GOJ
MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SAME MEMORANDUM
BEING PRESENTED TO UK, USSR AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"SINCE THE JUNE WAR OF 1967, THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION
AUTHORITIES HAVE PRACTICED A DELIBERATE POLICY
OF JUDAIZATION AGAINST ALL ISLAMIC AND CHRISTIAN
CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, AND ARTISTIC STRUCTURES, PARTICULARLY
IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, ATTEMPTING TO REDUCE ITS
ARAB NATURE AND TO OBLITERATE ITS RELIGIOUS SHRINES, IN
SPITE OF ALL THE RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE SUCCESSIVELY
BEEN ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UN, THE
SECURITY COUNCIL, AND UNESCO, WHICH DEMANDED THAT ISRAEL CEASE
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HER PROGRAM OF ALTERING THE ARAB AND RELIGIOUS CHARACTER OF THE

SACRED CITY. CONTINUING ISRAEL'S POLICY OF IGNORING INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS, THE ISRAELI DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTRY WILL CONSTRUCT 40,000 APARTMENT UNITS IN THE AREA LOCATED BETWEEN AL-NABI YA'QOUB AND AT-TELL AL-FURNISIYYE IN JERUSALEM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ITS PLAN OF ESTABLISHING NEW JEWISH QUARTERS HAVING A MILITARY CHARACTER INSIDE THE CITY, WHICH WILL RING THE ARAB QUARTERS. THIS WILL FURTHER THE SCHEME OF THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES TO CONVERT 30,000 DUNUMS FACING THE JERUSALEM WALL INTO A PUBLIC PARK, LAND WHICH IS OWNED BY SEVERAL CHRISTIAN SECTS, AMONG THEM THE AS-SYRIAC MONASTERY AND THE LATIN MONASTERY.

IN ADDITION, THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN A SERIOUS DECISION WHICH STIPULATES THE SEIZURE OF FOUR THOUSAND DUNUMS IN THE KHAN AL-AHMAR REGION (AL-BAQI'YYE) AND THE ESTABLISHMENT ON THEM OF A LARGE INDUSTRIAL AREA, SINCE THIS PROJECT IS CONSIDERED PART OF THE (GALILI) PLAN FOR THE GREATER JERUSALEM PROJECT UNTIL THE YEAR 2010, WHICH EXTENDS FROM RAMALLAH IN THE NORTH TO BETHLEHEM IN THE SOUTH, TO THE KHAN AL AHMAR AREA IN THE EAST.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ADOPTION OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BY THE ISRAELIS WILL LEAD TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THEIR PLAN WHICH AIMS ULTIMATELY AT SEPARATING THE ISSUE OF JERUSALEM FROM THE ISSUE OF THE ARAB WEST BANK, IN ORDER TO ADVANCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THEIR JUDAIZATION SCHEME. THEY WILL CEASE PURSUING THIS ONLY UPON THE APPLICATION OF REAL PRESSURE PUT ON ISRAEL BY ALL NATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY THE GREAT POWERS, WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN THIS REGION."

3. COMMENT BY SEPTEL.
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